

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 39*

*WHEREAS, we have been apprised that on Saturday, May 12, 2007, the St. Louis American Foundation will host their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Excellence in Health Care Awards Ceremony; and*

*WHEREAS, as part of this event the St. Louis American Foundation will recognize, highlight and express appreciation to some of the region's health care providers who are making a difference in the lives of individuals and who have been at the forefront of health care issues; and*

*WHEREAS, one of these outstanding citizens is Joycelyn Farmer, who is the Cultural Health Initiatives director in the St. Louis Division of the Heartland Affiliate; and*

*WHEREAS, Joycelyn strives to establish priorities and strategies to educate and motivate minority populations to reduce heart disease and stroke disparities; and*

*WHEREAS, the Gospel for Heart Sake program was developed by Joycelyn and is one of AHA's signature events and also the Gospel Fest which is an annual event designed to provide heart-health education in an entertainment format and since initiating this event it has ballooned into a weekend extravaganza with back-to-back festivals being held in jSt. Louis, East St. Louis, and across the state in Kansas City, Mo; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2003 Joycelyn developed the Hop Your Heart Program which targets youth with classroom-based activities designed to help raise awareness and encourage children to take part in a healthy and physically active lifestyle.*

*WHEREAS, Joycelyn continue to set the standard by which the success of health care industry is measured; and*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to join with the St. Louis American Foundation in honoring Joycelyn Farmer for her many contributions to the St. Louis health care community and we thank her for her tireless efforts on behalf of our citizens and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.*

*Introduced on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 by:*

*Honorable Gregory Carter, Alderman 27<sup>th</sup> Ward*

*Adopted this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 as attested:*